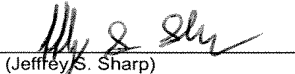


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2008, in which all elected claims (1, 3-5, 8, 11, 16 and 20) stand objected to or rejected under one or more of 35 U.S.C. §§112 (first and second paragraphs), 102(e) and 102(b). This response is timely filed as a petition for a two months extension of time to June 9, 2008 (June 8, 2008 falling on a Sunday) is submitted herewith. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.